

## Message Text

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R 251326Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY CONAKRY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3273  
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
USDESPATCH AGENT NEW YORK

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LSTATE FOR OPR/WLG

E.O. 11652:N/A  
TAGS: ACLM  
SUBJECT: HHE - FRANCINE L. BOWMAN

1. SUBJECT EFFECTS TRANSPORTED ABIDJAN/CONAKRY JUNE 12 ARRIVED JUNE 28 ABOARD S/S AUSTRAL PATRIOT. UPON ARRIVAL SHIP OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER EFFECTS OFFLOADED FOR THREE DAYS IN MORNVOIA AND SAT ENTIRE TIME IN RAIN AND WARNED OF POSSIBLE WATER DAMAGE. AFTER UNLOADING IN CONAKRY EFFECTS STORED IN CLOSED CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE.
2. EFFECTS UNPACKED JULY 22; LIFT VAN WET AND CORRODING; UPON OPENING WATER GUSHED OUT AS EACH PIECE UNLOADED: MOLD AND MILDEW ONE INCH THICK AND MANY BOXES FELL APART WHEN MOVED. ALL CONTENTS DAMAGED BY WATER, MLD, AND MILDEW MUCH BEYOND SALVAGE.
3. FOR ABIDJAN: IN ADDITION BOXES 4, 17, 19 AND 51 WERE MISSING AND IT APPEARS THESE NEVER LOADED INTO LIFT VAN AT ABIDJAN. PLEASE QUERY DIOT IMMEDIATELY RE MISSING BOXES.
4. DAMAGE INSPECTED BY THREE EMBASSY OFFICERS INCLUDING CHARGE. DAMAGE IS SEVERE BUT ACCURATE ESTIMATES WILL HAVE TO AWAIT ATTEMPTS AT CLEANING AND SALVAGE. PROBLEM COMPOUNDED BY LACK OF PROFESSIONAL CLEANING EXPERTISE IN CONAKRY TO ATTEMPT SAVE RUGS/  
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CLOTHES/PAINTINGS, ETC.

USDA IS REQUESTED TO INFORM FARRELL LINES REPRESENTATIVE OF ABOVE AND ADVISE THAT EMPLOYEE INTENDS PRESS CLAIM WITH THEM FOR ALL DAMAGES. PLEASE ADVISE WHATM RRELL LINES NEEDS IN WAY OF DOCUMENTATION ETC.

6. FOR DEPT: EMBASSY FEELS THAT FARRELL LINES DISPLAYED GROSS  
NEGLIENCE THIS MATTER AND THEY SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE  
FOR FULL VALUE EMPLOYEE'S CLAIM, PARTICULARLY SINCE MANY ITEMS  
IRREPLACABLE INCLUDING ALL ART WORKS. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVISE  
ON HOW TO PROCEED.  
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